

Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RESTRUCTURING THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY IN THE COMMONWEALTH, REGULATING THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY AND OTHER SERVICES, AND PROMOTING ENHANCED CONSUMER PROTECTIONS THEREIN.

SECTION 315. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, any distribution company, aggregator, gas company, municipal lighting plant, or supplier, as defined and governed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 164 of the General Laws, **shall be required to provide electricity or gas services to persons or corporations engaged in the business of agriculture or farming**, as defined pursuant to section 1A of chapter 128 of the General Laws, at rates, prices, and charges established at least 10 per cent below any other rate, price, or charge category, with further rate, price, or charge considerations granted for off-peak consumption.

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